

## **2016 UCCOC New Permanent Housing Bonus Funding Announcement And 2016 New Project RFP**

The Ulster County Continuum of Care (UCCOC) is announcing the availability of funds through HUD's Continuum of Care annual competition. Projects must either create new permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100% chronically homeless individuals and families as defined by HUD or to create new rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and include persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of HUD's definition of homelessness. The new funding available is \$56,638 or 5% of the UCCOC's pro rata share as determined by HUD. Any agency interested in applying for this funding should contact Kathy Germain at RUPCO, the Collaborative Applicant at [kgermain@rupco.org](mailto:kgermain@rupco.org) or (845) 331-9860 to discuss project concepts and eligibility. Applications are due August 9, 2016.

### **Important Definitions:**

***Permanent Housing Bonus*** The Permanent Housing Bonus is available to all CoCs to apply for funding to create new permanent supportive housing projects that will exclusively serve chronically homeless individuals and families or rapid rehousing projects that will serve individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters or persons fleeing domestic violence or other persons who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless; however, these program participants must meet all other criteria for this type of housing (i.e., individuals and households with children who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelter). A CoC is eligible to apply for up to 5 percent of its FPRN and may apply for more than one permanent housing bonus project. New projects created through a permanent housing bonus must meet the project eligibility and threshold requirements established by HUD in Sections V.G.2.b and V.G.2.c of this NOFA.

***Housing First*** A model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold). Transitional housing and supportive service only projects can be considered to be using a Housing First model for the purposes of this NOFA if they operate with low-barriers, work to quickly move people into permanent housing, do not require participation in supportive services, and, for transitional housing projects, do not require any preconditions for moving into the transitional housing (e.g., sobriety or minimum income threshold). Additional information regarding Housing First is in Section II.A.7. of this NOFA.

***Chronic Homeless*** A "homeless individual with a disability," who either lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; **and** has been homeless (as described above) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months.

# Ulster County Continuum of Care: New Project RFP 2016 (Reallocation and/or Bonus Projects)

**THREE PAGE MINIMUM: Applications due August 9, 2016**

1. Applicant/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Agency Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Proposed Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the applicant a current member of the Ulster County Continuum of Care (CoC)?  
☐ Yes – 10 points ☐ No – 0 points
  - a. If no, what is the agency's current involvement with the Ulster County Continuum of Care?
5. Is the agency applying a current CoC funded grantee? ☐ Yes – 5 points ☐ No – 10 points
  - b. If yes, are there any unresolved monitoring or audit findings from HUD or the CoC? ☐ Yes – 0 points ☐ No – 3 points
6. Please provide a detailed description of the agency's experience in administering projects dedicated to serving an underserved population. Please specify the name of current or past programs and note the funding sources. (10 points)
7. Please provide a project *description* AND *budget* that addresses the entire scope your project. Please include the target population that will be served and the outreach plan. If the proposed project follows a Housing First model, please specifically detail Housing First aspects. (0 – 20 points)
  - 2 points if a specific priority population mentioned in the 10 Year Plan is noted
  - 1 points if the project clearly states the number of units/beds requested
  - 2 points if an outreach plan is noted
  - 10 points if the budget notes at least 80 percent of the requested funds are dedicated to housing
  - 5 points if the narrative details how the project will implement the housing first model
8. Will the project be able to begin within 12 months? ☐ Yes- 5 points ☐ No – 0 points

9. Document potential sources that will allow the program to meet HUD's match requirement (25 percent match) and the 150 percent leverage CoC requirements? (0-20 points)
- 10Points if match requirements are met  
10Points if leverage requirements are met
10. The CoC prioritizes a Housing First model. Please indicate with a check mark if the proposed project will meet the following criteria. Please note all of the below criteria must be selected in order to meet the Housing First definition. 25 points
- a. Will the project ensure that participants are not screened out based on the following items? ☐ Yes, we will not screen out based on any of the below ☐ No
- i. Having too little or no income
  - ii. Active or history of substance abuse
  - iii. Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions
  - iv. History of domestic violence (e.g. lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement)
- AND**
- b. Will the project ensure that participants are not terminated from the program for the following reasons? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- i. Failure to participate in supportive services
  - ii. Failure to make progress on a service plan
  - iii. Loss of income or failure to improve income
  - iv. Being a victim of domestic violence
  - v. Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project's geographic area.

Submit RFP applications to Kathy Germain at RUPCO [kgermain@rupco.org](mailto:kgermain@rupco.org) or fax to 845-331-9864 by August 9, 2016